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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Announces Display of State Voter Information Guide for March 2, 2004 Primary Election

Available for Public Inspection Now Through December 8, 2003

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today the availability for public display of California's draft Voter Information Guide for the March 2, 2004 Primary Election. It is now available for public examination through December 8, 2003, online at www.ss.ca.gov and at his offices in Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Fresno

The *Voter Information Guide* contains information on two propositions, Propositions 55 and 56, that will appear on the March 2nd, 2004 statewide election ballot. It includes a brief summary of the measures, the effect of a "yes" or "no" vote, arguments for and against each measure, contact names and telephone numbers, analyses of each measure by the legislative analyst, and the entire text of the proposed laws.

During this public display period, Californians may examine and challenge information contained in the contents of the *Voter Information Guide*, including facts about the election, candidate statements, ballot labels and titles and summaries of the two propositions. No alterations or additions can be made to the *Voter Information Guide* unless ordered by the Sacramento County Superior Court.

In the back of the Voter Information Guide, voters will also find information on qualified political parties in California, how to reach their county elections official, and important dates to remember.

Anyone may examine the *Voter Information Guide* either on line at www.ss.ca.gov or from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following Secretary of State office locations:

> 1500 11th Street, Elections Division, 5th Floor Sacramento

300 South Spring Street, Suite 12513 Los Angeles -

San Diego 1350 Front Street, Suite 2060 Fresno 1315 Van Ness Ave., Suite 203 121 Spear Street, Suite 420

San Francisco -